

**Close the Gap**  
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**A. Caleb closed the Gap.**

1. Caleb served the Lord whole heartedly.

**Numbers 14:24 (NIV)**

2. Closing the gap makes a massive difference in how you experience the blessing of God.

**Numbers 32:8-12 (NIV)**

3. Closing the Gap Changes your legacy.

**Deuteronomy 1:35-36 (NIV)**

**Joshua 14:8b,9 (NIV)**

4. Closing the Gap can overcome the problems of your past.

**Joshua 14:14 (NIV)**

**B. The Cost of being half-hearted.**

**Revelation 3:15-16 (NLT)**

1. Signs of being half-hearted:
  - i. you rationalize the low level of blessing in your life.
  - ii. you are more concerned with what other people think than what God thinks.
  - iii. you rationalize sin rather than fear God.
  - iv. you have a weak Faith.

**James 1:6-8 (NIV)**

- v. you find yourself looking at others and wondering “why them and not me”?
2. The Half-hearted forfeit a lot of what God has in mind for them.

### **C. Benefits of Closing the Gap.**

1. It benefits our family.

#### **Joshua 14:14a (NIV)**

2. You can redefine your name.
3. Our **faith** is strengthened by pursuing God.

#### **Numbers 14:24 (ESV)** (45 years before)

#### **Numbers 13:27-30 (NIV)**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)** we walk by faith and not by sight.

4. Faith will determine what you see ... and how you see it.

#### **Numbers 14:9b (NIV)** (Caleb's response)

#### **Joshua 14:7-12 (NIV)**

#### **Numbers 13:33 (ESV)**

5. Being wholehearted blesses our future.

#### **Joshua 14:13-14 (NIV)**

#### **Joshua 15:13-14 (NIV)**

#### **2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)**

#### **2 Chronicles 31:21b (NLT)**

#### **Next Steps: Today I am:**

1. Committing my life to Christ
2. Committing to live wholeheartedly for God.
3. Asking God to increase my Faith
4. Wanting to be water baptized please contact me.